



**29 December 2019**  
**Morning Prayer**

**Bishop**

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

**Assistant Bishop**

The Rt Revd Low Jee King

**Vicar**

Revd John Lin

**Clergy**

Revd Bernard Yee

**Deaconess**

Ds Lena Lim

**Pastoral**

Pas Loon Fu-Man

Pas Florence Hou

Pas Yeo Yun Jing

Pas Shirleen Yap

**Administration**

Susan Ling

Doris Lee

Patrick Lee

**Worship Service on Saturday**

**English Service**

4.30 pm at Sanctuary

**Worship Services on Sunday**

**English Service**

9.00 am at Sanctuary

**Cantonese Service**

9.00 am at Patmos Hall

**Mandarin Service**

11.15 am at Sanctuary

**Hokkien Service**

11.15 am at Patmos Hall

**A Warm Welcome to all our guests**

**Do send your children** to our Children's Ministry. We have a well-supervised and nurturing programme for your children. 'Kids For Christ' (7 to 12 years) and 'Little Lambs' (24 months to 6 years). There is also a Toddlers' Room upstairs.

**Please do not feel obliged** to participate in the offertory. The offertory is meant for Christians.

**After the service, do stay back** for a cup of coffee. We would like to get to know you better.

**Do join us again next week.** We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title : Give thanks with a grateful heart

Text : Psalm 100



For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100:5



**COLLECT**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Mission and Purpose:** As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

## Vicar writes

Dear church family

We praise and thank God for the five baptismal candidates on Christmas Day. One is a beautiful baby, representing the next generation. Another is a youth, rescued and saved by the Lord's grace. Three are the elderly parents of two church members, mercifully experiencing the love of God. All glory to God for his gracious mercy and loving faithfulness.



As we come to the end of year 2019, may our hearts be joyful in praise of the Lord for who He is and be filled with gratitude to God for all His blessings in our life. May we sing like the grateful psalmist, "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*" (Psalm 103:1).

As we reflect on all the issues, events and circumstances in our life, let us give thanks to God and "*forget not all his benefits*" (Psalm 103:2-5) of loving forgiveness, merciful healing, gracious redemption, steadfast love, faithful goodness and life renewal in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I know that for some brothers and sisters in our church community, this past year has been filled with difficult and painful situations in your life or that of your family and loved ones. May you find peace and rest in the Lord and be strengthened by the grace of our loving Shepherd.

Love in Christ  
Pastor John

## Intercession

### LOOKING BACK AT 2019

#### THANKS TO GOD

**Lyrics:** August Ludvig Storm

**Music:** John Alfred Hultman

Thanks, O God, for boundless mercy  
From Thy gracious throne above  
Thanks for ev'ry need provided  
From the fullness of Thy love  
Thanks for daily toil and labour  
And for rest when shadows fall  
Thanks for love of friend and neighbour  
And Thy goodness unto all

Thanks for thorns as well as roses  
Thanks for weakness and for health  
Thanks for clouds as well as sunshine  
Thanks for poverty and wealth!  
Thanks for pain as well as pleasure  
All Thou sendest day by day  
And Thy Word our dearest treasure  
Shedding light upon our way

Thanks, O God, for home and fireside  
Where we share our daily bread  
Thanks for hours of sweet communion  
When by Thee our souls are fed!  
Thanks for grace in time of sorrow  
And for joy and peace in Thee  
Thanks for hope today, tomorrow  
And for all eternity!

### **Covenant Renewal Service**

There will be a combined Covenant Service on **Sunday, 5 January 2020** at **10.00am** in our sanctuary. It will be a time of thanksgiving and renewal of our covenant with God. A buffet lunch will be served after the Service.

**“1 John” Service will not be held on Saturday, 4 January 2020.**

### **Reading through the whole Bible**

We encourage everyone to make time to read through the whole Bible in 2020. The “Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan (Navpress)” are on the ushers’ table. Let us encourage one another to grow in spiritual maturity.

### **2019 Tithe and Freewill Offering**

Members are requested to make their Tithe and Freewill Offering for year 2019 before end of December 2019.

### **Tithe and Freewill Offering Pledge Form**

In continual obedience to the Lord, we encourage all church members and regular worshippers to return God’s tithe to Him as our act of worship. Thank you for prayerfully responding to the Lord in the renewal of 2020 Tithe and Freewill Offering. We request your help to fill up the “Pledge Form 2020” and drop the completed form into the Pledge Form Box on the ushers’ table. For any queries, please approach our Pledge Secretary, Nellie Nam.

### **Serve Programme**

The Serve Programme, 2 Jan to 10 Mar 2020 is a specially designed programme for many youths, especially those who have recently completed the “O” & “A” levels to discover God and grow in Christlikeness. Our church has 1 youth, Charis Lin who is participating in this programme.

The Inauguration Service is on **Thursday, 2 January 2020, 7.30pm** at The Diocesan Centre (Service at Sanctuary of Chapel of Resurrection, Level 2). Buffet dinner will be served at 6.15pm. Please support and encourage the youths and be present for this Service.

### **New Pastoral Staff – Shirleen Yap**

Sister Shirleen Yap will be joining the church pastoral team as a part-time staff wef 1 January 2020. She will oversee the church children’s ministry in her appointment as Children’s ministry pastor. In addition, Shirleen will serve in the School chaplaincy team and also the Family Life ministry team. Value your prayers for Shirleen and her family in this new ministry journey.

### **PCC Meeting**

There will be a PCC meeting on **Tuesday, 14 January 2020, 7.30pm**. PCC members are encouraged to come from 6.45pm onwards for a time of prayer.

### **Christian Education**

Dates/Time: **Sundays, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Feb 2020 / 11.30am to 1.30pm**

Venue: IT Conference Room

Course Instructor: Ps Loon Fu-Man

A study on the book of JAMES

Theme: “Wisdom From Above For The Faith Below”

Please register with Ps Fu-Man at [fuman@patmos.org.sg](mailto:fuman@patmos.org.sg)

DUTY ROSTER	SUNDAY 29/12/2019	NEXT SATURDAY 4/1/2020	NEXT SUNDAY 5/1/2020
Worship Officiant	Ps Loon Fu-Man	No '1 John' Service. Combined Covenant Service on Sunday, 5 Jan 2020	Florence Ho
Celebrant	-		Revd John Lin
Holy Communion Assistant	-		Revd Bernard, Ds Lena, Florence Ho, Ps Alan & Ps Richard
Community Praise Team	Ethan		Livingstreams
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd John Lin
Scripture Text	Psalms 100		Joshua 24:14-28; Matthew 6:19-24
Sermon Title	Give thanks with a grateful heart		We will serve the Lord
Scripture Reader	Choo Heng Yu		Aileen Tung
Ushering Team	FH50K		Shema
Floral Arrangement	Helen Lim		Doris Lee
Refreshment	Lee May & Sunali		Catered Food
Treasurer	Ho Boon Sing		Helen Sng
Treasury Witness	Esther Ling & Lye Chee		Eileen & Florence
Staff On Duty	Doris & Lydia	Patrick & Doris Ps Chwee Lian & Ps Lyu Yang	

### Upcoming Events

Combined Covenant Service on 5 January 2020

Combined Service on 26 January 2020

Church Retreat from 14 to 17 June 2020

**Church Ministries** : Home Cell, Little Lambs, Kids-for-Christ, Tweens, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship

**Outreach**: SMSS Chaplaincy, The Boys' Brigade & The Girls' Brigade, Befrienders Club

*If you wish to know more about the ministries and outreach,  
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**School Gate E Open for Entry** : Saturday : 7.00 am to 5.00 pm  
Sunday : 7.45 am to 12 noon